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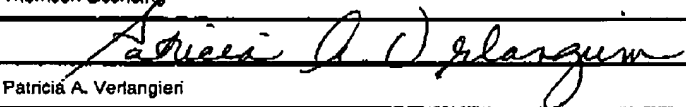
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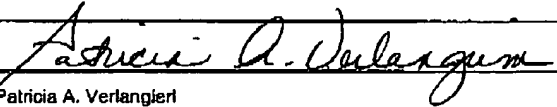
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**APPELLANTS' BRIEF UNDER C. F. R. § 1.192**

On December 1, 2008, Appellants' filed a timely Notice of Appeal (that  
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2009) from the action of the Examiner finally rejecting pending claims 1-14. The  
Appellants' herein file this Brief in accordance with 35 C. F. R. § 1.192.

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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE REAL PARTY IN INTEREST**

The real party in interest for the above-identified application is Thomson Licensing, which is the assignee of record for this application.

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF RELATED APPEALS OR INTERFERENCES**

To the best of Appellants' knowledge, there are no appeals or interferences that will be directly affected by, or will have a bearing on the decision of this appeal.

**3. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-14 are rejected and the rejection of claims 1-14 is appealed.

The above-identified application was filed on February 8, 2006, which claims priority under 35 U. S. C. § 371 to International Application No. PCT/US04/25299 filed August 5, 2004 which claims benefit of US Provisional Patent Application No. 60/498,264 filed August 26, 2003.

A first Office Action was mailed September 28, 2007 (Paper No. 1), in which claims 1-14 were rejected.

In Applicants' response to the first Office Action, dated February 27, 2008, claims 1 and 8 were amended.

The Examiner in a second Office Action, mailed June 30, 2008 (Paper No. 20080625), finally rejected claims 1-14.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1 and 8 are once amended.

Claims 1-14 all stand finally rejected. The rejection of claims 1-14 is appealed.

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**4. STATUS OF THE AMENDMENTS**

No amendments were made after final rejection. All amendments were entered.

**5. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**

Independent claim 1 is directed to a wall mounting apparatus for a visual display. See Appellant's specification at page 1, lines 9-10. The wall mounting apparatus includes a first plate 4 attached to a wall and a second plate 2 attached to a display. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1A and page 3, lines 12-14. The visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1D and page 3, lines 29-33. In FIG. 1D, portion 10 of the second plate 2 contacts an area of the surface of portion 7 of the first plate 4, while portion 9 of the first plate 4 contacts an area of the surface of portion 8 of the second plate 2.

Independent claim 8 is directed to a display system including a wall mounting apparatus. See Appellant's specification at page 1, lines 9-10. The wall mounting apparatus includes a first plate 4 attached to a wall and a second plate 2 attached to a display. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1A and page 3, lines 12-14. The visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1D and page 3, lines 29-33. In FIG. 1D, portion 10 of the second plate 2 contacts an area of the surface of portion 7 of the first plate 4, while portion 9 of the first plate 4 contacts an area of the surface of portion 8 of the second plate 2.

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**6. GROUNDS FOR REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL**

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 as being anticipated under 35 U. S. C. § 102(b) over Walmsley (U. S. Patent 2,299,443).

**7. ARGUMENT**

1. Rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U. S. C. § 102(b) over Walmsley (U. S. Patent 2,299,443).

**Claims 1-7**

Walmsley describes a frame support. See Walmsley at column 1, lines 1-2. In Walmsley, the frame support includes member 5 attached to the wall and member 10 attached to the framed object. See Walmsley at FIG. 3 and column 1, lines 33-46. Member 10 interlocks with member 5 in only one place to mount the framed object on the wall. See Walmsley at FIG. 3.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a wall mounting apparatus for a visual display. See Appellant's specification at page 1, lines 9-10. The wall mounting apparatus includes a first plate 4 attached to a wall and a second plate 2 attached to a display. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1A and page 3, lines 12-14. The visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1D and page 3, lines 29-33. In FIG. 1D, portion 10 of the second plate 2 contacts an area of the surface of portion 7 of the first plate 4, while portion 9 of the first plate 4 contacts an area of the surface of portion 8 of the second plate 2.

Walmsley does not describe or suggest a wall mounting apparatus including a first plate attached to a wall and a second plate attached to a display,

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wherein the visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places. Rather, Walmsley describes a completely different arrangement that teaches away from applicants arrangement, in which two members contact each other in only one place to mount a framed object on the wall.

Therefore, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-7 are patentable over Walmsley.

All claims argued within this section will stand or fall together.

#### Claims 8-14

Walmsley describes a frame support. See Walmsley at column 1, lines 1-2. In Walmsley, the frame support includes member 5 attached to the wall and member 10 attached to the framed object. See Walmsley at FIG. 3 and column 1, lines 33-46. Member 10 interlocks with member 5 in only one place to mount the framed object on the wall. See Walmsley at FIG. 3.

Independent claim 8 is directed to a display system including a wall mounting apparatus. See Appellant's specification at page 1, lines 9-10. The wall mounting apparatus includes a first plate 4 attached to a wall and a second plate 2 attached to a display. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1A and page 3, lines 12-14. The visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places. See Appellant's specification at FIG. 1D and page 3, lines 29-33. In FIG. 1D, portion 10 of the second plate 2 contacts an area of the surface of portion 7 of the first plate 4, while portion 9 of the first plate 4 contacts an area of the surface of portion 8 of the second plate 2.

Walmsley does not describe or suggest a wall mounting apparatus including a first plate attached to a wall and a second plate attached to a display, wherein the visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places. Rather,

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Walmsley describes a completely different arrangement that teaches away from applicants arrangement, in which two members contact each other in only one place to mount a framed object on the wall.


Therefore, independent claim 8 and dependent claims 9-14 are patentable over Walmsley.

All claims argued within this section will stand or fall together.

### **8. CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing arguments, appellants respectfully request that the Examiners' rejection of claims 1-14 be reversed. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX I - APPEALED CLAIMS**

1. A wall mounting apparatus for a visual display, comprising:  
a first plate attached to a wall; and  
a second plate attached to a visual display, wherein the visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates together, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places.
2. The wall mounting apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one of the first plate and the second plate include an angled portion and a flat portion extending away from the angled portion.
3. The wall mounting apparatus of claim 1 wherein at least one of the first plate and the second plate include an angled portion, a flat portion and a backstop portion.
4. The wall mounting apparatus of claim 3 wherein the backstop portion extends between the angled portion and the flat portion.
5. The wall mounting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first plate is configured to include an elongate section which contacts a corresponding elongate section of the second plate.
6. The wall mounting apparatus of claim 1 wherein one of the first plate and the second plate is longer than the other to permit side-to-side adjustment.
7. The wall mounting apparatus of claim 1 wherein one of the first plate and the second plate includes two or more end stops.

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8. A display system including a wall mounting apparatus, comprising:  
a first plate attached to a wall; and  
a second plate attached to a visual display, wherein the visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates together, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places.

9. The display system of claim 8 wherein at least one of the first plate and the second plate include an angled portion and a flat portion extending away from the angled portion.

10. The display system of claim 8 wherein at least one of the first plate and the second plate include an angled portion, a flat portion and a backstop portion.

11. The display system of claim 10 wherein the backstop portion extends between the angled portion and the flat portion.

12. The display system of claim 8 wherein the first plate is configured to include an elongate section that contacts a corresponding elongate section of the second plate.

13. The display system of claim 8 wherein one of the first plate and the second plate is longer than the other to permit side-to-side adjustment.

14. The display system of claim 8 wherein one of the first plate and the second plate includes two or more end stops.

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**APPENDIX II - EVIDENCE**

Not applicable.

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**APPENDIX III - RELATED APPEALS OR INTERFERENCES**

Not applicable.